



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1023**

**Charles “Pete” Conrad Astronomy Awards Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on March 17, 2005*

H.R. 1023 would establish two new annual awards for amateur astronomers: one for the individual or group that identifies the brightest near-Earth asteroid and the other for the individual or group that makes the greatest contribution to the catalog of such asteroids maintained by the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. Each award would be \$3,000. The program would be administered by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1023 would have no significant effect on the budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. According to NASA, the cost of administering the two awards would be negligible.

H.R. 1023 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mike Waters. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.